

The Examiner has also rejected the Claims 1, 11 and 12 under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph as relating to the language “*the authentication comprising temporary deactivation ...operation.*”

With respect to the addition of this language, Applicants respectfully submit that there is a basis in the specification as filed for the language.

Starting at page 4 through to page 5, the specification states:

“2. SUMMARY AND ADVANTAGES OF THE INVENTION

The objects cited are fulfilled by the characteristics set out in the independent Claims. Advantageous enhancements of the invention result from the respective subclaims.

The inventive solution presented here is essentially based on three components for setting up basic means of access, in particular such as to enable temporary shutdown, startup or restarting, and configuration of devices. The components are: additional device hardware functions permitting basic means of access to operate the devices, namely in particular for custom ...”

Along that same theme on page 7:

“...The user can then use the SmartCard to deactivate the hardware and so shut down and lock the device in an advantageous manner at any time.

Continuing on page 8 of the specification:

"...Customers are able to deactivate their devices, such as for lengthy vacation breaks, and so render their equipment unattractive to thieves as a result of this "electronic immobilizer". The device remains inoperable until the bar is lifted with the same card or with a manufacturer's backup card..."

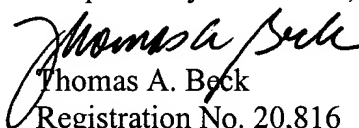
The excerpts cited provide support for the language in the claims relating to "*the authentication comprising temporary deactivation which adds authorization patterns prior to the operation.*" These elements are fully supported in the specification as filed.

Applicants believe that the amended claims are in a form which should now result in their allowability. If there are additions to the claims which could result in the claims being allowed, Applicants' attorney would be pleased to speak with the Examiner by phone concerning such action at a mutually agreeable time and will cooperate in any way possible.

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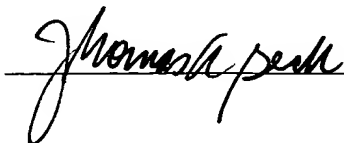
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